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Claims

1. A method for depositing a credit on an account associated to a terminal subscribed to a communication network,

the method comprising the steps of:

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interacting (1) between the terminal and a network entity, wherein said interacting yields an indication of at least whether a credit is to be deposited on said account associated to said terminal, an amount of credit to be deposited and a source of the deposit,

requesting (2) from said network entity to said source of the deposit, to deposit said amount of credit on an account associated to said terminal,

wherein said requesting is based on the DIAMETER protocol.

- 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said interacting is based on a value-added multimedia application run on a multimedia application server provided in said network.
- 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein said requesting (2.) comprises

generating a DIAMETER request message identifying the request as a request for depositing an amount to an account.

4. A method according to claim 3, wherein 30 said generated DIAMETER request message further includes an attribute value pair identifying the terminal to an associated account of which the deposit is to be deposited,

an attribute value pair identifying said source of the deposit, and

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an attribute value pair identifying the amount of said deposit.

- 5. A method according to claim 4, wherein
- the DIAMETER request message is routed from said network entity to said source based on said attribute value pair identifying said source of the deposit.
- 6. A method according to claim 1, further comprising a 10 step of

acknowledging (3.), by said source, whether said request was successful or not to said requesting network entity.

7. A method according to claim 6, further comprising a step of depositing said amount to said account associated to said terminal upon receiving an acknowledgment indicating success.

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8. A method according to claim 7, further comprising a step of informing (4.) said terminal of the amount being deposited to an account associated to said terminal.